

# *Jamaica Plain Friendly Society*

## SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

### Jamaica Plain Employment and Temporary Relief Society.

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The work of our society has gone on with very little change since the last report was given, the principal aim being to furnish or find employment, if possible, for all needy applicants who are able to work, and giving other aid only to families where there is illness or other extreme temporary need.

We have given sewing during the past year to fifty-nine women. In supplying so many with work, we have been greatly helped, as before, by orders from the City and New England Hospitals, from the Infant Asylum, and the Farm School. These orders save us much expense in material, and enable us to use our funds mostly in paying for the sewing when done, and also to give more work than we otherwise could, to needy women. We have also received some private orders, for which we are always thankful, as we have every year some among our seamstresses who can be trusted with fine sewing. Will our friends who wish to send us work during the coming season, please bear in mind that it is best to give their orders before March, if possible, as during the spring months the number of our best sewing women is constantly diminishing, when outside work is more easily obtained, and it is often very difficult at that time to get fine sewing well done.

In addition to the order work, many useful articles have been made each month for the room. A large number of these have been given to poor families by visi-

tors' orders, and more than usual have been sold. Our sales this year have been largely to the poor women, some of whom have received clothing instead of money in payment for their sewing. This has been done in all cases where the visitors felt doubt in regard to the money being properly spent, and we feel sure that many families have been more comfortable by this arrangement, and that it has helped the women to gain habits of thrift and industry.

We have employed one paid cutter as usual during the busiest months, when a great deal of time and care is required to prepare work for a large number of women. We have also received valuable assistance in this department from several kind friends, to whom we wish to express our hearty thanks. Such help is always most welcome, especially during the winter months.

Our Secretary's duties have been increased this year by our compliance with the request of the Board of Associated Charities, to send a monthly report of our visitors' work to them. This is made up with great care from the visitors' reports, which are presented at the monthly meetings. By doing this it is hoped to prevent any possibility of the deception which has been so easily practised in former times by applicants going from one society to another, and sometimes receiving aid from each. It may be well to say here, that whenever applicants for aid



appear at the doors of our citizens, those belonging to Jamaica Plain should be referred directly to the rooms of our society at Curtis Hall, or to some of our visitors; and those coming from other parts of the city should be referred to the rooms of the Associated Charities on Chardon street, or to 118 Roxbury street. No assistance ought now to be given to unknown persons from other places, but in all cases such should be sent to the proper agents in the districts from which they come. Thus much waste will be prevented, and mendicancy will be discouraged.

The work and responsibility of our visitors naturally increase each year, as new and wiser methods of helping the poor are constantly being learned, and as we all find how much care and thought even the simplest case of poverty requires. Our visitors' meetings have never been so full and earnest as during the past year, and although we can never feel quite satisfied until perfection is reached, we are sure that in all this part of our work there is a higher standard than ever before.

We wish to express our thanks to the Gas Company for the supply of coke which we received from them last winter, and also to many kind friends for packages of clothing, which were distributed by the visitors among the poor in their district.

At the June meeting it was voted that the room should be closed for the summer months, as most of our poor families had the prospect of steady work for a time, at least. This speaks of a better condition among the poor of our Ward than during the two previous years.

The support and confidence of the community are, of course, always essential to the life of our society, and we trust that our friends will still give us their generous aid, that our work, which is now going on so hopefully, may steadily increase in usefulness.

ELLEN C. MORSE.

Number of families aided by the society during the year..... 73  
 Number of visits made by district Visitors..... 676  
 Besides these, many friendly visits have been made which were not recorded.  
 Number of articles made by the sewing women.....3500  
 For institutions.....1924  
 For the room.....1576  
 —————3500  
 Number of articles sold.....1008  
 Number of articles given away ..... 311  
 Besides a great many second-hand garments.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

October 1, 1879, to October 1, 1880.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$84.49
Subscriptions and donations.....	1269.85
Sales of garments.....	467.49
Sale of 2 barrels of flour (present)	14.00
From Farm School for material...	2.28
From Agent at closing of the room	4.62
	<u>\$1842.73</u>

#### EXPENDITURES.

Work through the Employment Committee .....	\$720.00
Materials for work.....	467.53
Agent's salary.....	350.00
Provisions.....	60.86
Boots and shoes.....	37.45
Fuel.....	13.34
Printing and stationery.....	21.50
Washing .....	.60
Expressage.....	3.15
	<u>\$1674.43</u>

Balance on hand.....	168.30
	<u>\$1842.73</u>

Mrs. FRANCIS H. STORER,  
 October 1, 1880. Treasurer.

BOSTON, Oct. 1, 1880.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts from Oct. 1, 1879, to Oct. 1, 1880, of Mrs. F. H. Storer, Treasurer of the Jamaica Plain Employment and Temporary Relief Society, and that the same are correctly kept, and the payments thereof properly vouched, and that the Treas-

urer charges herself as of October 1. 1880, with a balance of one hundred and sixty-eight dollars and thirty cents (\$168.30.)

CHARLES P. BOWDITCH, Auditor.

#### OFFICERS FOR 1879-80.

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#### VISITORS.

DISTRICT I—West of Centre street. Visitor, Miss Ellen C. Morse, Prince st.; associate visitor, Dr. George Hayward.

DISTRICT II—Vicinity of Horse R. R. station. Visitor, Mrs. George A. Ives, Elm street; associate, Mr. Patrick McMorro.

DISTRICT III—Vicinity of Forest Hills station. Visitor, Miss Eliza Brewer, Pond street; associate, Dr. A. H. Eayrs.

DISTRICT IV—Canterbury, Mt. Hope division. Visitors, Misses Helen and Laura Slocum, Pond street; associate, Mr. C. E. Guild.

DISTRICT V—Canterbury street. Visitor, Mrs. Alfred Stebbins, Walk Hill st.; associate, Mr. C. E. Guild.

DISTRICT VI—Canterbury, eastern division. Visitor, Mrs. C. E. Guild, Bourne street; associate, Mr. C. E. Guild.

DISTRICT VII—Washington street, and territory lying east thereof. Visitor, Miss Anne P. Apthorp, Forest Hills street; associate, Dr. E. P. Gerry.

DISTRICT VIII—Keyes street. Visitors, Misses Emily Greene and Alice B. Weld; associate, Dr. George Faulkner.

DISTRICT IX—Carolina avenue. Child street, etc. Visitor, Miss Davis, at Dr. Wood's, Revere street; associate, Mr. S. C. Capen.

DISTRICT X—Starr street, Union ave., and vicinity. Visitor, Mrs. C. S. Waldo, Walker street; associate, Rev. C. F. Dole.

DISTRICT XI—Green, Lamartine and Chestnut streets, etc. Visitor, Mrs. H. D. Morse, Pond street; associate, Rev. S. U. Shearman.

DISTRICT XII—Boylston avenue and Green street, to Washington street. Visitor, Mrs. Samuel Jaques, Cedar avenue; associate, Mr. George W. Fowle.

DISTRICT XIII—Spring Park, Sheridan avenue, etc. Visitor, Miss Z. B. Smith, Spring Park, near Centre street; associate, Rev. William Bradley.

DISTRICT XIV—East of Boylston ave.; from Green street to Egleston Square. Visitor, Miss Amy White, South street; associate, Mr. George W. Fowle.

The rooms of the Society at Curtis Hall are open daily, except Saturday and Sunday, from ten to one.



